



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Human Services

Office of Rehabilitation Services

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

To work with ORS assuring that all Rhode Islanders with disabilities are able to obtain and keep meaningful and satisfying employment.

Full Council Minutes December 11, 2012

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Department of Labor and Training ~ 1151 Pontiac Avenue ~ Cranston, RI 02920

Present from Council: Rocco Bruno, Kelley Conti, Lea Colardo, Dr. Mona Dorsinville-Phanor, Dr. Judith L. Drew, Dominic DiOrio, Laurie DiOrio, Linda Deschenes, Elizabeth Graves, Kathleen Grygiel, Maryellen Hagerty, Margaret Hoye, Jeffrey D. Machado, Aracelis Maria, JoAnn Nannig, Dan Pieroni, Ronald Racine, Vincent Rossi, Catherine Sansonetti, Juan Troncoso, Willa Truelove, Kim Wennermark

1. **Call to Order** - Jeffrey D. Machado, the Vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 4 P.M. Quorum met.
2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** - FEMA presentation will be rescheduled for another meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to accept the October 16, 2012 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. **ORS Report** - Kathleen Grygiel reports: *(Steve Brunero was unable to attend)*

* Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - recruiting locally for part time and temporary positions, FEMA posted vacancies on DLT website and sent ORS notice of the vacancies. We cross-walked the position titles for the FEMA jobs with employment goals of our clients to best match needs and then contacted those clients that would meet the requirements of the positions. At our next meeting we will have more quantitative information related to the outcomes.

* Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) - out of Boston offers training, clinical, and employment services, conducts research, and provides assistance to organizations to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in school, work, and community activities. They received a training research grant from the Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) to run a management training program. ORS has an opportunity to participate with this program; we feel it will pull together, with technical assistance, some of what we have to do for our corrective action plan with the RSA, as well as some of our continuous quality employment activities. We have developed a plan that will look at quality employment outcomes: this is our driving objective for the State Plan for the upcoming year. We will look at this new training opportunity to pull together a committee to provide oversight and monitor how we are doing and incorporate the data with our new MIS system to improve the outcomes.

* State Plan work will start in February; it must be submitted to the (RSA) by June 30, 2013. In the near future we will be working with the SRC, Nancy has sent out the draft State Plan Timeline to SRC membership.

5. **Chair's Report** - Jeffrey D. Machado reports:

*Kate was planning on bringing someone in from FEMA and elaborating on FEMA's work in Rhode Island but due to Sandy she and that guest speaker were called away and are unable to attend this meeting. We will most likely reschedule that presentation for the first available time.

*New Council members: there is a need for recommendations to be sent to the Nominations and leadership Development committee for new candidates for the SRC. That is part of the responsibility of all members of the Council.

* Nominations and Leadership Development Committee - Dominic DiOrio reports:

The committee offers the following Slate of Officers; Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett - Chair, Jeffrey D. Machado - Vice-Chair, Catherine Sansonetti - Secretary

There were no other nominations from the floor therefor Margaret Hoye made a motion seconded by Willa Truelove and unanimously approved to accept the Slate of Officers.

* Committees took the remainder of the meeting to work on the Annual Report. Once committee reports are finalized they will be sent to Nancy who will edit and pass them along to ORS.

- 6. **Public Comments** - None
- 7. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Baker

Nancy L. Baker, SRC Facilitator